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● The Senate Armed Services Committee's "investigation" of Francis Gary Powers is, of course, a farce—and, up to a point, the wraps may be understandable. Conceivably, the Russians don't know the full answers to those tantalizing questions everyone is asking (How was the U-2 really brought down? Why didn't Powers scuttle it? etc.), and if so, the CIA's efforts to keep the answers out of the public domain are justified. But there

is a further question, on the face of it not involving security, that we would like someone to ask, namely: Why did Powers so obligingly turn himself over to the Soviet propaganda apparatus after his capture? *"I realize that I have committed a most grave crime and deserve punishment,"* he said at his trial. *"I understand that as the result of my flight the Summit Conference did not take place and President Eisenhower's visit was called off. There was, I suppose, a great increase in world tension. . . . The people who sent me should think of these things. . . . I am profoundly sorry that I have had anything to do with this . . . [I did] a very ill-service [to my country]."* Is there nothing in the CIA contract, on the basis of which Powers is claiming and getting \$50,000 back pay, to cover this sort of thing? Shouldn't there be?